The Brethren Ministers' Home Reading Circle.

THE OCCASION.

The originator has no intention of working against Ashland College, but it seems that qualification for the ministry and worldly possessions are not often found together. Then the

OBJECT

of this movement is to direct the home reading of our young men who are so situated that they cannot take even a short course in school.

EXPENSE.

The first question with many is: What will it cost? On account of this feeling it has been decided that there will be no membership fee, but the secretary would respectfully request all persons writing for information to be careful to enclose a stamp for return postage. The whole expense, then, will be the books which are as follows:

LIST OF BOOKS.

1. Sketches of English History, $1.25.
2. Outline of Eng. Literature, $ .60.
3. History of the Early Church, $ .40.
4. The Christian Religion, $ .50.
5. Wayland's Moral Philosophy Abr., $ .60.
6. Smaller Scripture History, $ .60.
7. Hill's Rhetoric. $1.20.
8. Pittenger's Extempore Speech, $1.50.

These books are all recommended, but the readers are not expected to accept as true *all* that is found in them. But if any one feels that he cannot do justice to so much he may drop English History, English Literature and Extempore Speech. But if any one desires more, the following books may be added.

1. Green's Shorter Eng. History, $1.20.
2. Taine's English Literature, $1.00.
3. Butler's Analogy, $1.00.
4. Haven's Moral Science, $1.50.
5. Smith's Bible History, 2 Vol., $2.50.
6. Blair's Rhetoric, $2.25.

These books will be delivered at the Express office here at the prices annexed and it is recommended that all persons desiring the books shall secure them here, so that there will be no mistakes.

EXAMINATIONS.

All that is asked is a careful, intelligent reading of the texts, and the examination will not be rigid, In Rhetoric several short essays will be required.

TIME.

Not more than one hour per day during the fall and winter months will be required. The books are all small and are as plain and simple as such books can be made so that no one need hesitate on account of previous lack of training. This movement is certainly what is much needed and it is hoped that many of our young men will avail themselves of the opportunity here offered.

For further information, address

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Ashland, Ohio.

Field Echoes.

On my way to Iowa, I stopped in Chicago a day and attended the Exposition. The exhibits are excellent. Among those most interesting to me were J. & P Coats' model of their old mill at Newport, R. I. It is made of 80,264 spools of thread with 258 shades of colors, critically blended, standing upon 8 columns of primary colors—Blue, Brown, Cardinal, Heliotrope, Green, Bronze, Terra Cotta and Peacock Blue. The model is an octahedron and rotates. It must be seen to be appreciated fully. Next was silk weaving by Doherty & Wadsworth, silk manufacturers, Patterson, N. J. They were selling a great many of their handkerchiefs to visitors, having five ladies and one gentleman acting as salesman. I was tempted to ask prices, but did not purchase as they charge more for their goods hot from the loom, then the ordinary retail merchants does from behind the counter.

Visited the "Museum of the Chicago Academy of Science." Here the ornithologist is brought into a large field of interest. He can see the eggs of about all species belonging to the feathered tribe, from the Setophaga Ruticilta S. W. (Redstart), up to the Struthia Camelus (African Ostrich) and, if he wishes to compare the size of the fowls or birds with their eggs, the taxidermist comes to his aid with all kinds preserved. The exhibit from the "School of Art in Needlework" was beautiful. Some of my friends in different localities gathered about this, in my memory, as I called them from their parlors with needle in hand embroidering, lettering, etc.

Then the farmers were not left out, for in one end of the building is seen the display of products along the line of the Burlington. Cedar Rapids and Northern R. R. It shows up about everything the average tiller of the soil cares to cultivate, and that of the very best. It tempts the professional visitor to exchange brain toil, for the manual.

I came from there to Waterloo. Am holding a few meetings preparatory to communion which will be held Oct. 23. Baptized one Sabbath. Could not expect to do much should we protract the meetings here as Bro. Bashor has about all that we could reasonably expect. I shall however, try my hand in revival work up at Lester Centre, a place on the outskirts of the Waterloo congregation. We can get a church to use there during the week and fill the regular appointments at Enon and Hudson each Sabbath. I find a very kind, sociable class of people here. Have visited with quite a number of families. Am making my home with Bro. Dr. E. Showalter in Waterloo. If I am not doing much in the way of revival work on our "pulpit exchange" it is gratifying to know that brother Bashor is awakening up the field I left behind in Ind.

Yesterday I had the pleasure of joining in marriage Bro. Alfred R. Spiecher, of Morrill, Kansas, and sister Effie May Will, of Waterloo, Iowa. They left last evening for their new home at Carleton, Neb. May domestic bliss shine brightly over their life's journey is my prayer.

R. F. MALLOTT.

Waterloo, Iowa, Oct. 22, 1886.

Glenford, Ohio.

I am again at home preparing for further aggression against the enemy. He is a cunning warrior and much strategy and solid firing is needed to overcome him. We staggered him out at Louisville. He retreated somewhat but has not been fully conquered. When they begin to sing and pray out there the devil gets discouraged. But he has plenty of energy and unless we watch and pray without ceasing he will come up into our tents and lead us away captives.

I was much pleased with the Louisville church. It is wide awake and doing a good work. Bro. Josiah Keim knows how to make things move. He does nothing but serve the church, and that is enough for one man. He has consented to hold a series of meetings for the church at Buckeye City where Bro. Isaac Ross lives. He held a successful meeting there last year, and with the reputation he established there, he will be able to do them valuable service this winter. May God bless him in his work there and at home.

I am glad to hear from Bro. Ditch so early out in the "Hoosier" state. He will work at or near South Bend. Hope he will "Bend" further south as well as north, east and west. Those swamps of sin ought to be Ditch(ed) thoroughly. Wish we had more of them. Brethren do not expect him to revolutionize the state at once, as he is just beginning. He is only beginning to develop and will make a workman that needeth not be ashamed, dividing the truth as well as any of us.

By the way, there is another preacher at Louisville that ought to by all means be out in Indiana somewhere or in some other field where ministerial labor is required. His name is Lewis Hang. He has energy and zeal enough to do good and efficient work. Some church might do well to secure his services. Any church that gets Bro. Hang need not be much afraid of satan, for satan is afraid he might get Hang(ed). Bro. Lewis has the grit to do it too. He is a first rate fellow. It hurts me to see so many men who can work, not actively engaged. I cannot help but blame the church for this, or rather a few of the leaders of the church. For I do think a convention might devise some system by which inactive talent might be utilized and anxious churches supplied. I am more convinced than ever that women should preach. I have a vote for sister Sarah Keim. She could preach. I would like to say something about all the good people I met at Louisville; but space forbids.

Bro. Hildebrand filled my appointments at Bethel on Sunday 17 inst. Through carelessness of the dispatch boy at Ashland I started for home, and consequently sat under the words of Bro. H. He has improved much since last spring, and is destined to make an able man. He speaks well. The people of Perry county, were much pleased to see him back again. Hope he will come again and give us a lift.

A. A. COBER.

Almena, Michigan.

The Brethren church at this place held their communion on the 9th of Oct., and truly we had a feast long to be remembered. I heard it remarked by members that we had the best communion season that we ever had here. Ministers present were our beloved brethren Walter Clark, of Cass Co., also, Plinney Erwin, of Bear Lake, and C. A. Price of Barry county. After the ordinances of the Lord's house had been observed the people began to come in till the church was crowded, when brother Erwin preached a convincing sermon on feetwashing.

Brethren pray for us that we may be ever found doing the Master's will and at last be gathered together where trials and temptations will be no more

ADAM DEHAVEN.

Scenes by the Way.

The interest in the College work, moves along as usual. One new student this week and others soon to follow. The Literary Society is very good this fall.

Late last Friday evening, I received a telegram from Bro. A. A. Cober which read, "You or somebody fill my appointments at Glenford next Sabbath." I was the somebody that concluded to go.

Early the next morning I started on the journey. Arriving in Newark I took advantage of the Y. M. C. Association's reading room to spend the long hours while waiting for the train. This association is doing a glorious work for the Master's cause. They are gathering young men in from the ways of death and starting them triumphantly on the road to eternal life.

The time approaching for the train to leave, I took a seat in the cars; and, just as the train was to start, here came Bro. Cober. I was surprised. The manner in which he came convinced me that he had, some experience in running down a train as well as myself. The remainder of the journey we had a very interesting time talking over the things of the past. From him I learned that he had a very interesting meeting at Louisville. He closed amid the best of interest, and if it had not been for the blunders of the telegraph operators he would have continued the meetings over the Sabbath. Arriving in Glenford, we did not have to wait long until Bro. Chas. Deffenbaugh came and took us to his home. The hospitality of Bro. and sister Deffenbuagh is like my home in the west so that I enjoyed myself.

The next day we repaired to the Bethel church where we spent a short time very pleasantly in the worship of God. I must say it was a pleasure to me to meet the brethren in that community. Visited a few hours with S. Helser's, he is suffering from paralysis. I enjoyed his son Ruplins society very much. The evening service over I bade farewell and in the company of Bro. Chas Deffenbaugh, spent several hours very pleasantly in the hospitable home of Bro. Gall.

The visit though a short one, yet the bond of friendship which had been twining like a vine around our hearts, was rooted deeper and took a firmer hold during the short stay.

In Bro. Cober the people of that community have a noble pastor; and he has gathered around him a band of Christians that are an honor to the cause of Christ.

E. L. HILDEBRAND.

Faith is very humble, it confesseth its own indigence and lives wholly upon Christ. As the bee draws sweetness from the flower, so faith draws all its strength and comfort from Christ.